No project has been accorded Investment Clearance by Planning Commission in the past three months.

(b) One Medium Irrigation Project viz. Sidhata Irrigation Project is pending for clearance.

[English]

Development of Universities/Colleges

828. SHRI MURLIDHAR JENA:

SHRI AJOY. MUKHOPADHYAY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Universities/Colleges which received grants from UGC during the Eighth Plan period, University-wise/College-wise; and

(b) the number of Universities/Colleges sanctioned grants as per their demands, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lower Suktel Irrigation Project

829. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI:

SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to execute the Lower Suktel Irrigation Project;

(b) whether it is likely to be implemented during 1997-98;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of the other medium and major irrigation projects in Western Orissa proposed to be executed by 2000 AD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The details of the other major & medium irrigation projects in western Orissa proposed for execution during IX Plan (1997-2002) are as under:

S.No.	Name of Project	District benefited
1	2	3
(A)	**Major**	
1.	Ib Phase-I	Sundergarh
2.	Ong Dam	Bargarh
3.	Lower Suktel	Bolangir
4.	Lower Indra	Nowarangpur
5.	Anni Uttei	Kalahandi
(B)	**Medium**	
1.	Ret	Kalahandi

Compulsory Education Bill

830. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to intorduce a Bill for the compulsory education;

(b) if so, whether the expert committee appointed in this regard has already submitted its recommendations;

(c) whether the views of all the representatives of the State Govarnments and experts have been taken into consideration in this regard;

(d) if so, the time by which the Bill is likely to be introduced;

(e) the main features of the proposed Bill;

(f) whether the Delhi High Court in its latest judgement has urged the Government to introduce a legislation banning the commercialisation of education system in the country; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (e) Based on the report of the Committee of State Education Ministers, set-up under the Chairmanship of Shri Muhi Ram Saikia, Minister of State for Human Resource Development (Education) to examine legal financial, academic and administrative implications of the proposal to make elementary education a Fundamental Right, the Constitution (Eighty-third, Amendement) Bill, 1997, has already been introduced in the Rajya Sabha on July 28, 1997. The salient features of the Bill, as introduced in the Rajya Sabha, are as under:

(i) The State shall provide free and compulsory education to all citizens of the age of 6 o 14 years.

(ii) The State shall not make any lew for free and compulsory education in relation to educational institutions not maintained by the State or not receiving aid out of State funds;

(iii) The competent legislature shall make the law for enforcement of right to free and compulsory education within one year from the commencement of the Constitution (Eighty-third Amendment) Act, 1997;

(iv) Article 45 of the Constitution shall be omitted; and

(v) It shall be fundamental duty to provide opportunities for education to a child between the age of 6 and 14 years of whom such citizen is a parent or guardian.

The Bill is, at present, under consideration of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Post Offices in U.P.

831. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post-offices modernised in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years and the locations thereof; and

(b) the number of post offices proposed to be modernised in U.P. during 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) During the last three years, 75 post offices were fully modernised in Uttar Pradesh Postal Circle. The list of these post offices is enclosed.

(b) During 1997-98, 42 post offices are proposed to be modernised in Uttar Pradesh Postal Circle.

Statement

List of Post Offices Modernised in Uttar Pradesh Postal Circle in the last three years

1994-95

1. New Hyderabad P.O. Luchnow
2. Nawabganj HO, Kanpur
3. Allahabad HO
4. Nodia Complex SO
5. Gonda HO
6. Lucknow Chowk HO

1995-96

1. Agra HO
2. Agra Fort HO
3. Mathura HO
4. Bulandshar HO
5. Varanasi HO
6. Jaunpur HO
7. Kanpur Cantt. HO
8. Hamirpur HO
9. Bareilly HO
10. Moradabad HO
11. Nainital HO
12. Tallital SO
13. Kheri HO
14. Alambagh PO
15. Mahanagar PO
16. Niralanagar PO
17. Lucknow GPO
18. Faizabad HO
19. Dehradun HO
20. Haridwar SO
21. Muzaffarnagar City PO
22. Meerut City SO
23. Pratapgrah HO
24. Deoria HO
25. Kunaraghat HO
26. Mau HO
27. Bairampur Ho

1996-97

1. Allahabad Kutchery HO
2. CDA(P), SO Allahabad
3. Mirzapur HO
4. Gazipur HO
5. Shaktinagar SO
6. Bangalitola SO
7. Varanasi Cantt. HO
8. Raebareli HO
9. Akbarpur HO
10. Sultanpur HO
11. Barabanki HO
12. Sitapur HO